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Of Shigella and E. coli Using
Operon Sequence Analysis

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 1999, applicant submits the following remarks.

Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby requests a two month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the time to respond through February 7, 2000. This response is being timely filed on February 7, 2000. A check to cover the required fee, for small entity \$ 190.00, is enclosed.

Amendment

In addition to considering the remarks below, please amend the application as indicated.